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**NOTICE DOCUMENTING COMPLETION OF BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE LONG-TERM FACILITY DECOMMISSIONING PLAN, CENTRAL PLATEAU FACILITY BINNING REPORT, DOE/RL-2005-54, DRAFT A**

The purpose of this letter is to forward a Tri-Party Agreement notice documenting completion of the commitment C-25-05 due June 30, 2006, for biennial review of the Long-Term Facility Decommissioning Plan and update it to incorporate current priorities relating to facility decommissioning. The notice indicates that submission of the Central Plateau Facility Binning Report, DOE/RL-2005-54, Draft A (enclosed) meets the requirements as defined in section 8.3.3 of the Tri-Party Agreement to:

- 1) Conduct a biennial review of facility/unit status, the Long-Term Facility Decommission Plan, and associated commitments;
- 2) Discuss current priorities; and
- 3) Assess what changes are necessary. This approach has been reviewed with and agreed to by members of your staff.

The enclosed report documents results of a task team effort sponsored by the Inter-Agency Management and Integration Team Executive Committee in 2005, composed of representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the State of Washington, Department of Ecology (Ecology). The task team defined a process for

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disposition of all Central Plateau facilities and reached tentative agreement on the path forward for specific structures to streamline disposition planning. Technical support to the task team was provided by Fluor Hanford, Inc. Deactivation and Decommissioning Project and Regulatory Compliance as well as CH2MHill Environmental Programs management and staff. The resulting report documents the collective understanding among the Tri-Party agencies on the decommissioning strategy for the Central Plateau facilities to:

- 1) Identify a regulatory path for disposition of each Central Plateau structure when active operations are concluded;
- 2) Categorize structures to more efficiently use limited resources to proceed with facility disposition, e.g., group uncomplicated structures for near-term decisions and address complex structures in separate groups as appropriate; and
- 3) Provide a mechanism for agencies to gain agreement on path forward and extent of agency involvement.

The report summarizes months of review, evaluation, and technical discussion on Central Plateau facility disposition. During M-015 Milestone negotiations, RL, EPA, and Ecology have considered initiation of technical discussions of facility-related milestones utilizing the results of the Central Plateau facility-binning effort. The enclosed report will serve as a foundation for the pending milestone discussions.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

Sincerely,



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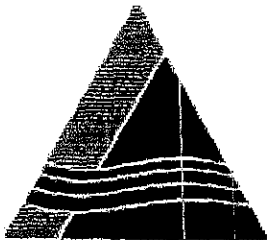
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## Tri-Party Agreement

### BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE LONG-TERM FACILITY DECOMMISSIONING PLAN

The Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) contains the following commitment in Action Plan Section 8.3.3 regarding the Long-Term Facility Decommissioning Plan:

"The parties will; (1) conduct a biennial review of facility/unit status, the long-term facility decommissioning plan, and associated Agreement commitments; (2) discuss current priorities; (3) and assess what changes are necessary. Based on this review and the latest DOE guidance associated with the future use of facilities, DOE will update and submit the long-term facility decommissioning plan and any draft changes addressing proposed Agreement modifications to EPA and Ecology."

The submittal of the *Central Plateau Facility Binning Report* will meet the requirements of the Calendar Year (CY) 2006 biennial review of the Long-Term Facility Decommissioning Plan as defined in section 8.3.3 of the Tri-Party Agreement. This is applicable to the CY 2006 biennial review only. Subsequent biennial reviews will be due in June of the applicable year.

This substitution for the submittal of the CY 2006 update of the Long-Term Facility Decommissioning Plan will have no impact on any critical ongoing efforts. The *Central Plateau Facility Binning Report* will be utilized in proposed negotiations for facility decommissioning milestones.

  
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